

Diocese of Madison Parishioner Survey

Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate

Saint John Vianney Parish
Janesville - 9111

Some 804 respondents at the parish age 18 and over responded to the questionnaire. The percentage for each response is below or beside its respective number, calculated out of 100 percent (with some rows totaling 99 or 101 percent, due to rounding). The percentage of non-response (NR) follows, separately calculated out of 100 percent.

How willing would you be to share the following activities and programs with other parishes in your area?

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | NR | 5 | 9 | 28 | 58 | 9 | 31. | A Catholic elementary school. |
| | | | | | 9 | 11 | 27 | 53 | 12 | 32. | A Catholic high school. |
| | | | | | 2 | 9 | 35 | 54 | 10 | 33. | Sacramental preparation programs. |
| | | | | | 3 | 7 | 29 | 61 | 8 | 34. | Religious education programs for children or youth. |
| | | | | | 2 | 8 | 32 | 58 | 9 | 35. | Youth ministry programs. |
| | | | | | 2 | 9 | 32 | 57 | 9 | 36. | Faith formation for adults. |

Please use the responses below for questions 1-36.
If you are not sure how to respond, please leave a blank.

1=Not at All **3=Somewhat**
2=Only a Little **4=Very or Very Much**

How important are the following to you?

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | NR | 1 | 2 | 13 | 84 | 2 | 1. | Being Catholic. |
| | | | | | 1 | 2 | 18 | 79 | 3 | 2. | Participating in Mass. |
| | | | | | 1 | 6 | 30 | 63 | 4 | 3. | Being part of the parish community. |
| <1 | 2 | 16 | 82 | 3 | 4. | Passing on the faith to the next generation. | | | | | |
| | | | | | 1 | 9 | 46 | 44 | 5 | 5. | Learning more about Church teachings. |
| | | | | | 2 | 11 | 43 | 44 | 5 | 6. | Learning more about the Bible. |
| <1 | 4 | 26 | 70 | 5 | 7. | Helping alleviate the suffering of others. | | | | | |

How important are these diocesan ministries to you?

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | NR | 4 | 17 | 44 | 35 | 8 | 8. | Ministry to rural Catholics. |
| | | | | | 1 | 6 | 27 | 66 | 6 | 9. | Ministry to youth and young adults. |
| | | | | | 1 | 7 | 31 | 61 | 6 | 10. | Ministry to families. |
| | | | | | 2 | 4 | 22 | 72 | 4 | 11. | Ministry to the sick. |
| | | | | | 7 | 17 | 43 | 33 | 8 | 12. | Ministry to the imprisoned. |
| 5 | 18 | 44 | 34 | 8 | 13. | Ministry to recent immigrants, such as those from Latin America, Asia, and Africa. | | | | | |
| | | | | | 2 | 13 | 39 | 46 | 6 | 14. | Training lay people for parish ministry. |
| 2 | 6 | 30 | 62 | 5 | 15. | Promoting vocations to the priesthood and religious life. | | | | | |
| | | | | | 2 | 7 | 28 | 63 | 4 | 16. | Support for Catholic schools. |
| | | | | | 1 | 2 | 17 | 80 | 4 | 17. | Religious education for children and youth. |
| | | | | | 2 | 9 | 45 | 44 | 9 | 18. | Faith formation for adults. |
| 7 | 22 | 49 | 23 | 13 | 19. | Evangelization. | | | | | |
| | | | | | 2 | 10 | 36 | 52 | 8 | 20. | Outreach ministry to those in need. |
| | | | | | 1 | 7 | 31 | 61 | 6 | 21. | Ministry to those with disabilities. |
| | | | | | 1 | 4 | 29 | 67 | 5 | 22. | Ministry to the elderly. |
| | | | | | 2 | 12 | 47 | 39 | 12 | 23. | Stewardship of resources. |
| | | | | | 2 | 10 | 37 | 51 | 9 | 24. | Respect life ministries. |
| | | | | | 2 | 9 | 39 | 51 | 6 | 25. | Support of retired clergy. |

How much would you support these ways of providing for ministry and worship in a time of fewer priests?

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | NR | 4 | 8 | 36 | 53 | 5 | 26. | Coordinating Mass schedules among neighboring parishes. |
| | | | | | 9 | 18 | 39 | 35 | 6 | 27. | Merging parishes to better meet ministry needs. |
| 36 | 30 | 23 | 11 | 9 | 28. | Closing parishes. | | | | | |
| 12 | 23 | 39 | 26 | 10 | 29. | Hiring business administrators to assist pastors. | | | | | |
| 8 | 17 | 38 | 37 | 6 | 30. | Appointment of a deacon, religious sister or brother, or lay person to administer a parish with a priest serving as a sacramental minister only. | | | | | |

Please use the responses below for questions 37-59.
If you are not sure how to respond, please leave a blank.

1=Strongly Disagree **3=Somewhat Agree**
2=Somewhat Disagree **4=Strongly Agree**

Please respond to the following about the Diocese.

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | NR | 2 | 8 | 43 | 46 | 8 | 37. | I trust in the leadership of the Bishop. |
| | | | | | 2 | 7 | 40 | 52 | 11 | 38. | I believe the Bishop fulfills the responsibilities of his office. |
| | | | | | 2 | 6 | 33 | 59 | 8 | 39. | I believe the Bishop is concerned about the people of the Diocese and their needs. |
| 31 | 15 | 24 | 29 | 8 | 40. | I regularly read the <i>Catholic Herald</i> newspaper. | | | | | |
| 27 | 24 | 32 | 17 | 15 | 41. | The <i>Catholic Herald</i> nourishes my faith life and spiritual development. | | | | | |
| 28 | 30 | 31 | 11 | 54 | 42. | The diocesan website effectively communicates news related to the Diocese. | | | | | |
| 16 | 25 | 41 | 20 | 18 | 43. | I understand the Diocesan Services Appeal and how the contributions are used. | | | | | |

Please respond to the following about this parish.

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | NR | <1 | 2 | 24 | 74 | 6 | 44. | The parish meets my spiritual needs. |
| | | | | | 2 | 8 | 29 | 62 | 8 | 45. | I feel included in parish life. |
| | | | | | 2 | 8 | 35 | 56 | 9 | 46. | I feel well informed about what goes on in the parish. |
| | | | | | 1 | 6 | 36 | 56 | 13 | 47. | Stewardship as a way of life is stressed in our parish. |
| | | | | | 5 | 16 | 46 | 34 | 12 | 48. | I am aware of the role our parish pastoral council plays in parish life. |
| | | | | | 6 | 15 | 46 | 33 | 15 | 49. | Parishioners are encouraged to assist in the decision-making processes for the parish. |
| | | | | | 1 | 3 | 23 | 74 | 10 | 50. | Regular participation in the sacraments is stressed by parish leaders. |
| | | | | | 2 | 2 | 18 | 79 | 9 | 51. | The quality of liturgy attracts me to the parish. |
| | | | | | 1 | 2 | 21 | 76 | 8 | 52. | The parish is open and welcoming. |
| | | | | | 1 | 2 | 16 | 81 | 15 | 53. | The sacraments and parish events are accessible to people with disabilities. |
| 14 | 21 | 31 | 34 | 30 | 54. | I am comfortable asking this parish for help (finances, meals, respite for caretakers, etc.). | | | | | |
| | | | | | 4 | 19 | 44 | 33 | 41 | 55. | Parish programs to reach out to members with financial needs are successful. |
| | | | | | 5 | 19 | 46 | 31 | 43 | 56. | Parish programs to reach out to members with emotional needs are successful. |
| <1 | <1 | 14 | 85 | 8 | 57. | Parish facilities are well-maintained. | | | | | |
| | | | | | 1 | 1 | 15 | 83 | 12 | 58. | We have adequate space for parish needs. |
| | | | | | 5 | 21 | 37 | 38 | 37 | 59. | Parish outreach extends to non-Catholics. |

